

BIG PINE PEOPLE COMING STRONG WITH THREE CHAMPION TEAMS

(Special to the Bonanza.)

BIG PINE, Cal., Dec. 9.—Tonopah, we are bringing your father home. Fifteen loads of Big Pine men, women, boys and girls are coming to Tonopah with Jim Butler. We are bringing the original and only Jim Butler, the father of Tonopah. Monday morning at 6 o'clock a. m., December 11th, three basketball teams, representing the Big Pine high school girls' team and the high school boys' team, and the Big Pine town team, accompanied by Jim Butler and fifteen carloads of well wishers, will leave the Hotel Mizpah and be on their way to Tonopah.

Mr. Butler is known from Alaska to Mexico as the best friend the prospector and the poor man ever had. He has given away a fortune in helping poor prospectors and old friends, and in many instances rank strangers, when they appealed to him in need. There never was any notoriety or publicity seeking in the philanthropic work of Jim Butler; whenever he gave it was private, and with a hearty handshake and a wish you well attitude. These and others too numerous to mention are the traits of Jim Butler's character that have entwined his name forever around the hearts of Tonopah people. Though we are only the children of his, adopted here in Big Pine, we have learned to love the man for what he is, and his pleasure is our pleasure, so we are coming over about one hundred strong as an honorary escort to Jim Butler, the father of Tonopah.

A big rally has been planned for Sunday afternoon in the hall. There will be music by the Big Pine band and possibly a few selections by the mandolin clubs of Big Pine. John S. Richardson will be the speaker for the occasion. Short addresses will be made by Prof. Wilton, Mr. Williams and Coach Clark. All members of the three teams will be present and will have a light workout, the last before the games in Tonopah. A photographer will be present and will take pictures of the three teams together and each team individually.

At present it looks like the following cars are going to Tonopah, loaded to the rim: J. L. Butler, 7 passenger Buick; Robert Logan, 7 passenger Studebaker six; Felix Rossi, 6 passenger Buick; Frank Rossi, 6 passenger Buick; Mrs. C. M. Jackson, 7 passenger Apperson Jack Rabbit; Frank Sawlque, 7 passenger Lewis; John Richardson, 5 passenger Dodge; W. A. Sanger, 5 passenger Dodge; James Doud, 5 passenger Dodge; Steward Bros., 6 passenger Oldsmobile; George Cuddigan, 6 passenger Overland; Chas. Cline, 5 passenger Overland; Rube Chance, Ford touring car; Jean Ricon, Ford touring car; John Connors, Ford touring car; Dan Connors, Ford touring car; W. M. Mendenhall, Ford touring car.

BONE DRY LAW RULES ARIZONA

LIQUOR BECOMES CONTRABAND BY A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

(By Associated Press.)

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 9.—The constitutional prohibition amendment adopted at the November election became effective last night with the issuance by Governor George W. P. Hunt of a proclamation. Liquor now in the state, according to the law, becomes contraband.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church will hold their annual bazaar Tuesday, Dec. 12th, in the Richards building, opposite the Elks' hall. There will be on sale fancy work, aprons, candy and cooked foods. Also a tea room where light refreshments will be served. D8-3t

USING AUTO FUMES TO KILL RANCH MICE

The problem of mice extermination, which has been a source of much experimenting by farms in the Lovelock valley, may have been solved permanently by Barney Wiley, who made a successful experiment last week on the Anker ranch in Lower valley. He used the gas from an automobile for killing off the pests, says the Lovelock Miner.

Some time ago he heard of the experiment and determined to try it out on the farm. Connecting a hose to the exhaust of his machine, he allowed the engine to run while he lured the fumes down a mouse hole. Letting the car smoke, he was able to seal the other holes connecting with the one in which the hose was inserted. The effectiveness of the scheme was demonstrated when the holes were dug down for a way and the dead mice found.

Take home a quart bottle of delicious old port. 40 cents at the Tonopah Liquor company. Adv. 1f

HALF A MILLION TO HELP ART

SON OF PAPER MANUFACTURER BEQUEATHS FORTUNE TO MUSEUM

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Bequests of more than \$500,000 were left to the Metropolitan museum of art and the American museum of natural history by the late James Gaunt, whose will was filed for probate today. His father, James Gaunt, a paper manufacturer, was one of the principal backers of Cyrus Field in financing the first Atlantic cable.

SWEET CIDER ARRIVES

The Hall Liquor company has received a consignment of several barrels of choice sweet cider. It will be sold for 75 cents a gallon and delivered anywhere in the city. Orders should be placed early.



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PENNY POSTAGE PROMISED BY POSTMASTER GENERAL

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—In the report of the postmaster general, issued today, the department lays especial emphasis upon the fact that it is no longer a tax on the general revenue, having produced surpluses for three out of four years of the present administration; however, that its policy has been, and shall continue to be, not to permit the postal service to become a revenue producer for the government, but that all surplus postal revenues should be used for the enlargement of the service, to increase postal efficiency, and, when justified, to reduce the rates of postage.

Surpluses of \$3,800,000 for the year 1913, \$3,500,000 for the year 1914, and \$5,200,000 for the year 1915 were paid into the general fund of the treasury, making a total during the past four years of \$12,500,000.

But for the business depression occasioned by the European war the department would have undoubtedly secured a surplus of not less than \$18,000,000 during the four years ended June 30, 1916. This is in marked contrast with the deficits for the eight years of the two preceding administrations, which drained the treasury of \$48,739,639.34 and \$24,927,627.40, respectively.

The postal savings system has grown from 310,000 depositors, with

\$30,026,325 on March 1, 1913, to 603,000 depositors, with \$86,019,885, on June 30, 1916. During the fiscal year just closed there was a gain of 77,523 in the number of depositors and \$20,335,177 in deposits. Salaries of post-office clerks, city and rural carriers, and railway mail clerks have been increased to the aggregate extent of \$15,000,000. Since March, 1913, 1000 new steel mail cars have been placed in the service, affording greater protection to the lives of postal clerks, and prompt relief has been granted to railway mail clerks injured while on duty and to their relatives or legal representatives in case of death. Greater efficiency and economy in postal equipment and the purchase of supplies has been secured. Effort will be made to revise postage rates looking to a reduction of postage on first class mail; but in any event the department recommends that, as early as practicable, the 1-cent postage rate be adopted for all drop letters.

The postmaster general renews the recommendations made in his last three annual reports that early action be taken by congress declaring a government monopoly over all utilities for the public transmission of intelligence. As soon as practicable the telephone and telegraph systems of the United States should be incorporated into the postal establishment.

LAKES WITH NO OUTLETS.

And Fantastic Mirages That Greet the
Desert Traveler.

A playa is a shallow, flat floored depression, characteristic of valleys having no regular drainage to the sea, in which storm waters collect and evaporate. It may be a shallow lake or a salt incrustated mud flat.

In his description of the ancient Lake Lahontan, in Nevada, I. C. Russell writes:

"The scenery on the larger playas is peculiar and is usually desolate in the extreme, but is not without its charm. In crossing these wastes the traveler may ride for miles over a perfectly level floor, with an unbroken sky line before him and not an object in sight to cast a shadow on the ocean-like expanse."

"Mirages, which may be seen almost every day on these heated deserts, give strange fanciful forms to the mountains and sometimes transfigure them beyond recognition. A pack train crossing the desert a few miles distant may appear like some strange caravan of grotesque beasts fording a shallow lake, the shores of which advance as one rides away. The monotony of mid-day on the desert is thus broken by elusive forms that are ever changing and suggest a thousand fancies, which divert the attention from the fatigues of the journey."

"The cool evenings and mornings in these arid regions, when the purple shadows of distant mountains are thrown across the plain, have a charm that is unknown beneath more humid skies, and the profound stillness of the night in these solitudes is always impressive."—United States Geological Survey.

Prehistoric Mollusc.

"What's Scribner so upset about?" "He wrote a story in which the hero was a cave man."

"Yes?" "The artist who illustrated it gave the cave man a shaggy coat of hair and then finished him off with carefully manicured nails."—Birmingham Age-Herald

MAY TRAVEL FREE ON ALL CALIFORNIA RAILROADS

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The supreme court today upheld the privilege of state railroad commissioners and employees to travel free on California railroad lines, on official business.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Sixteen members of the grand jury have been constituted a sanitary committee for the purpose of inspecting the city and enforcing sanitary laws wherever any infraction is found. These jurors have subdivided the city so that every householder and every business man will be seen and the premises examined to compel the removal of garbage, waste material and to provide for the proper disinfecting of outhouses to remove elements of contagion from our midst. All offenders who do not clean up their premises by December 20th will be visited by these committees and, if the offense continues, the parties responsible will be summoned to appear to testify why they should not be indicted for maintaining a public nuisance.

Tonopah, Nev., December 4, 1916.
D4-20 J. G. CRUMLEY, Foreman.

VOTERS' ATTENTION

The saloon and gambling element insist that their business is necessary because of the revenue derived. Let us resent the claim that we must take them into partnership to run the county and local governments and pay them enormous rewards for their alleged services. Sign the initiative petitions at Richards building, above the Butler, and eradicate the whiskey, gambling and easy divorce evils in our state.
Adv. D7-3t H. R. COOKE.

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